

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

The corporate scandals of this past year are an indication of how major corporations can become corrupt. If such scandals occurred in a mega multimedia corporation, information about corrupt actions would be squelched lessening the chances of public outrage pressuring the government to correct the situation and increasing the probability that such corruption expands. For the past few years, there have been lawsuits filed against Microsoft because their operating system Windows is monopolistic. Microsoft is just a commercial business version of what could happen in media. The regulations we have now protect public interest and should be maintained and not weakened in any form.